

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Lavin, on February 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 313, 1/31/2017; HB 355, 2/1/2017  
Executive Action: HB 299

00:00:49 Chair Lavin

**HEARING ON HB 313**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:02 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, Require one license plate on certain motor vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:05:04 Jason Hildenstab, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

00:07:21 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

00:09:42 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:10:25 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association (MSBCA)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:12:38 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

00:12:56 Duane Williams, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:24 Rep. McKamey

00:13:44 Rep. Usher

00:14:40 Rep. Fern

00:15:24 Rep. Usher

00:16:13 Rep. Fern

00:16:47 Rep. Usher

00:18:03 Rep. McKamey

00:18:55 Ronda Wiggers, MCTA

00:19:49 Vice Chair Garner

00:20:56 Jason Hildenstab, MHP

00:21:27 Vice Chair Kipp III

00:21:37 Rep. Hamilton joined the meeting

00:22:45 Duane Williams, MDT

00:23:01 Vice Chair Garner

00:23:12 Duane Williams, MDT

00:23:27 Rep. McKamey

00:23:45 Rep. Usher

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:24 Rep. Usher

**HEARING ON HB 355**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:12 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, Revise laws related to school district transportation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:31:21 Fred Hofman, Harrison Public School

00:37:16 Ann Hokanson, Harrison School Board, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
 00:39:00 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
 00:43:08 Jim Hart, Madison County Commissioner  
 00:44:26 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA), Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)  
 00:48:52 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:50:13 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association (MSBCA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:57:06 Rep. Fern  
 00:57:58 Bob Gilbert, MSBCA

**EXHIBIT(trh26a01)**

00:58:13 Rep. Fern  
 00:58:18 Chair Lavin  
 00:58:27 Rep. Loge  
 00:58:55 Fred Hofman, Harrison Public School  
 00:59:12 Rep. Loge  
 00:59:17 Fred Hofman, Harrison Public School  
 00:59:50 Vice Chair Garner  
 01:00:33 Bob Gilbert, MSBCA  
 01:01:16 Vice Chair Garner  
 01:01:28 Bob Gilbert, MSBCA  
 01:01:59 Rep. Doane  
 01:02:31 Fred Hofman, Harrison Public School  
 01:03:47 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
 01:04:23 Rep. Doane  
 01:05:57 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
 01:06:19 Rep. Smith  
 01:07:49 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
 01:08:41 Rep. Grubbs  
 01:09:23 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
 01:10:21 Rep. Fern  
 01:12:08 Bob Gilbert, MSBCA  
 01:13:56 Rep. Smith  
 01:14:16 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
 01:14:37 Rep. McKamey  
 01:15:19 Rep. Shaw

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:47 Rep. Shaw

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 299**

01:20:15     **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 299 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:20:29     Jason Mohr, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

01:21:16     Chair Lavin

01:21:25     **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 299 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(trh26a02)

**Discussion:**

01:21:44     Jason Mohr, LFD

01:22:13     Chair Lavin

01:22:17     Jason Mohr, LFD

01:22:27     Rep. Loge

01:22:44     Jason Mohr, LFD

01:23:08     Vice Chair Garner

01:23:50     **Vote:** Motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Rep. Doane voting no. Rep. Trebas voted by proxy.

01:24:15     **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 299 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:24:29     Rep. Fern

01:25:24     Rep. Loge

01:26:32     Rep. Doane

01:27:09     Chair Lavin

01:27:16     **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 299 BE TABLED.**  
Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote. Rep. Trebas was excused.

01:28:22     Chair Lavin

01:29:13     Rep. Shaw

01:29:46     Rep. Grubbs

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:30:17

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Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh26aad.pdf](#))